



About Today's Ceremony . . .

The District Court of Guam is pleased to host this special Constitution Day Naturalization Ceremony. Constitution Day commemorates the historic day on September 17, 1787 when the Founding Fathers signed this historic document, which guaranteed the many freedoms to citizens of the United States. Constitution Day, which was formerly celebrated as Citizenship Day, is also a holiday in which our Nation recognizes those who have become U.S. citizens. On September 17, 2012, the District Court of Guam is proud to welcome 53 new American citizens to the United States of America.

This year's celebration of Constitution Day at the District Court will allow the newly naturalized citizens to fully exercise their rights, as the court will host a Citizenship Outreach Program for these citizens. Immediately after the naturalization ceremony, the new citizens will be able to register to vote and apply for a U.S. passport, provided they have appropriate supporting documentation for the application. Representatives from the Guam Election Commission and the Guam Passport Office will be present after the ceremony to assist new citizens with any questions.

We extend our most heartfelt congratulations to these new citizens of our great nation. This is a defining moment in their lives, when they make a lifelong pledge to bear faith and allegiance to the United States of America. Today, the United States of America is not simply their home, but their nation.



DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM
U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY



NATURALIZATION CEREMONY



CONSTITUTION DAY
September 17, 2012

Naturalization Ceremony

Opening of Court

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood
District Court of Guam

National Anthem and Guam Hymn

Attorney Julian Aguon

Welcoming Remarks

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood

Motion to Accept New Citizens

Ms. Rose Marie Materne
Supervisory Immigration Services Officer
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Oath of Allegiance

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood

Message from United States President

President Barack Obama

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by U.S. Attorney Alicia A.G. Limtiaco for the
Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands

Keynote Speech

Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D
Thirty-first Guam Legislature

“America the Beautiful”

Attorney Julian Aguon

Presentation of Certificates

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood
First Lady of Guam Christine Calvo
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat and
Senators of the Thirty-first Guam Legislature
U.S. Attorney Alicia A.G. Limtiaco

Citizenship Outreach Program



In conjunction with today's special Constitution Day Naturalization Ceremony, the District Court is pleased to conduct a Citizenship Outreach Program, which is intended to provide the newly naturalized citizens with the resources to allow them to fully exercise their rights.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, the new citizens may participate in the Constitution Day Citizenship Outreach Program, as representatives from the following two offices will be available to assist them:

Guam Election Commission – Representatives will assist new citizens with registering to vote in Guam elections.

Guam Passport Office – Representatives will assist new citizens with applying for United States passports.



The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

I pledge allegiance
to the flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one nation
under God,
indivisible,
with liberty
and justice for all.



New Citizens

Abadam, Susana Artap	Lapid, Jr., Antonio De Jesus
Acda, Caroline Emia	Leceta, Jefferson Busa
Aguon, Perlita Pasion	Lim, Dana Karla Chua
Apresto, Christian Paolo Calimlim	Lim, Danilo Nacino
Aquino, Michelle Aloit	Llarenas, Adoracion Padua
Austria, Conrado Timbang	Llave, Gener Sarno
Belleza, Charish Magracia	Luzano, Sherly Tangonan
Cantano, Alicia Sta Cruz	Madlangbayan, Laureana Canteras
Cantano, Jr., Gregorio Tandingan	Malig, Lerissa Joy Barrera
Catague, Erlinda Partisala	Manalo, Danilo Sibal
Cerbo, Jorge Celeste	Narvarte Joel Pasaoa
Chen, I Wei	Park, Miyoung
Chen, Teh Jen	Pena, Cherizza Escaran
Cho, Su Jin	Sanchez, Ma Lourdes Villano
Choi, Melody	Sanchez Malagon, Julio Cesar
Coronel, Jan Marie Quintos	Sandoval, Merlyn Taping
Cruz, Mary Grace Bernal	Sarmiento, Corazon Sanchez
Cunanan, Ma Farah Diva Libo On	Sendayen, Ryan Aquino
Davis, Hye Kyung Huh	Sercado, Dennis Ayson
Enriquez, Nancy Ardina	Shin, Young Nam
Escalante, Linda Edelo	Silverio, Joy Tablante
Francisco, Reymon Entira	Smith, Mary Laarnie Mallari
Habijan, Ricardo Guillermo	Szyszk, Janjira
Ho, Tsun Ren	Tala, Allan Pablo
Jun, Bang Seung	Wood, Maria Theresa Ampong
Kim, Hyoun Koung	Xu, Jinhua
	Yiu, Nellie Chuah



Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's
early light,

What so proudly we hail'd at the
twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright
stars, thro' the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were
so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the
bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' the night that our
flag was still there.

O say, does that star-spangled
banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the
home of the brave?

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,

For amber waves of grain,

For purple mountain majesties

Above the fruited plain!

America! America!

God shed his grace on thee

And crown thy good with Brotherhood

From sea to shining sea!



Guam Hymn

Fanohge Chamorro put I tano'-ta

Kanta I matuna-na gi todü I lugat

Para I onra, para I gloria

Abiba I Isla sin parat

Para I onra, para I gloria

Abiba I Isla sin parat

Todu I tiempo I pas para hita

Yan ginen I langet na bendison

Kontra I piligro na' fan safo' ham

Yu'os prutehi I Islan Guam

Kontra I piligro na' fan safo' ham

Yu'os prutehi I Islan Guam

Oath of Allegiance

I hereby declare,

on oath,

that I absolutely and entirely

renounce and abjure

all allegiance and fidelity

to any foreign prince,

potentate, state, or sovereignty

of whom or which

I have heretofore been a subject or citizen;

that I will support and defend

the Constitution and laws

of the United States of America

against all enemies,

foreign and domestic;

that I will bear true faith

and allegiance to the same;

that I will bear arms

on behalf of the United States

when required by the law;

that I will perform noncombatant service

in the Armed Forces of the United States

when required by the law;

that I will perform work of national importance

under civilian direction

when required by the law;

and that I take this obligation freely

without any mental reservation

or purpose of evasion;

so help me God.